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PALM BEACH, FLA. (AP)—PRESIDENT-ELECT KENNEDY RECEIVED A SECRET 2 HOUR AND 40 MINUTE BRIEFING TODAY ON THE COMMUNIST MENACE THAT HAS U.S. WARSHIPS AND PLANES READY TO STRIKE IN THE CARIBBEAN. DIRECTOR ALLEN D. DULLES OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND DEPUTY RICHARD BISSELL PROVIDED THE BRIEFING AT KENNEDY'S REQUEST.

KENNEDY HAD ASKED THEM TO DO SO EVEN BEFORE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ORDERED AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER, FOUR DESTROYERS AND TWO LONG-RANGE AIRCRAFT ON PATROL IN RESPONSE TO APPEALS FROM GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA.

EISENHOWER'S ACTION YESTERDAY FOLLOWED ATTEMPTED REVOLTS WHICH GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA CLAIMED WERE LED BY SUPPORTERS OF CUBAN PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO. IT WAS A DEFINITE WARNING TO BOTH CUBA AND RUSSIA TO STAY AWAY FROM THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA. DULLES AND BISSELL BROUGHT TWO LARGE FOLDERS, PRESUMABLY CONTAINING MAPS, CHARTS AND TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS, TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S OCEAN FRONT VACATION RETREAT. THE THREE MEN SAT IN THE SUN IN LAWN CHAIRS, LOOKING OUT OVER THE ATLANTIC.

KENNEDY'S ACTING PRESS SECRETARY, DONALD M. WILSON, GAVE THAT PICTURE TO NEWSMEN, ALONG WITH WORD THAT:

"THEY DISCUSSED A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS, ONE OF WHICH WAS THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA."

BOTH KENNEDY AND DULLES WERE HEAVY ON THEIR APPRAISAL OF CARIBBEAN TROUBLE SPOTS.

TOMORROW THE MAN WHO WILL BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT WILL BE DIGGING INTO A QUESTION SOMEWHAT RELATED TO THE CARIBBEAN WORRY--WHETHER THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION IS STRONG ENOUGH TO PERFORM ITS MISSION IN AN UNEASY WORLD.

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